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PETITION FOR CORRECTED FILING DATE

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.10, Applicant respectfully requests correction of the record filing date of the above application from November 1 to November 7, 2001.

37 CFR §1.10 (c) and (d) provides that correction of the filing date is appropriate where (1) the petition is filed promptly after discovery of the error, (2) the number of the Express Mail label was placed on the correspondence prior to mailing, and (3) the petition includes a true copy of the Express Mail label showing the "date-in" and of any other notation by the United States Postal Service relied upon to show the date of deposit, or a

showing, corroborated by evidence from the U.S.P.S., that establishes that the requested filing date was the date the correspondence was deposited in the Express Mail service before the last pickup for that day.

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The application as filed had the Express Mail label number EL 251925045 US marked thereon in several places, most notably on the Patent Application Transmittal Letter, the first page which is attached as Exhibit 1. Evidence of the deposit with the postal clerk on November 7, 2001, is also attached hereto. A copy of Express Mail label number EL 251925045 US as returned to attorney for applicant by the postal clerk is attached as Exhibit 2. In addition to the in-date, the label was date-stamped "NOV 7, 2001".

As additional showing that the application in the envelope with Express Mail label number EL 251925045 US was deposited with the U.S. Postal Service, attorney for applicant apprehends hereto printouts from the U.S. Postal Service web-site Express Mail tracking service. The first printout, Exhibit 3, was made on November 9, 2001, and establishes that EL 251925045 US was accepted by the post office at 10:46 PM on November 7, 2001. The

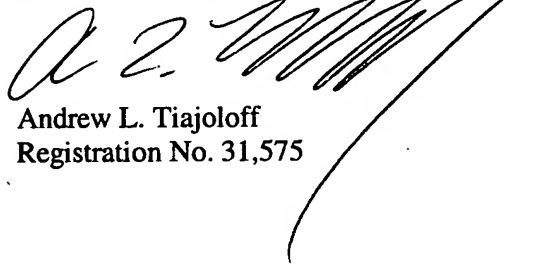
second printout, Exhibit 4, also confirms the mailing by Express Mail on November 7, 2001, although ultimate delivery to the U.S.P.T.O. was not until January 2002.

This evidence makes it clear that the application was placed in Express Mail Service by applicant on November 7, 2001, not November 1, 2001 and correction of the filing date is therefore respectively requested.

If any fees are required for consideration of this petition, please deduct them from deposit account no. 50-1659.

Should any questions arise, the Patent Office is invited to telephone attorney for applicant at 212-682-9640.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. L. Tiajolloff', with a long, sweeping flourish extending from the bottom right.

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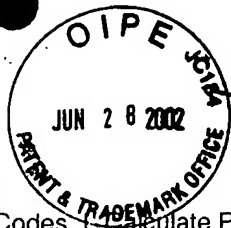
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